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POSC 357: INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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Fall 2015

Class: MW 2:45–4pm, 108 Persson
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The study of international institutions involves more than looking into the daily workings of bodies such as the United Nations and the World Trade Organization. It involves considering the fundamental questions states and other actors face when they try to cooperate with one another: Who decides what the rules of the game will be? How much sovereignty will states give up to organizations like the UN and WTO? Is the international community these institutions serve becoming more unified or more fragmented in the twenty-first century? These questions are central to the project of creating a more peaceful, just, and ordered world.

This course explores these questions within a broader study of how we understand international institutions. It proceeds in three stages. First, we'll examine different types of international institutions and theoretical interpretations of their possibilities and pitfalls. Second, we'll explore a range of international institutions—including those in the areas of security, economy, and the environment, among others—with an eye to how effective they have been. We'll conclude by considering challenges international institutions face as they evolve into ever more complex forms of 'global governance.'

Course format. In our two weekly meetings, Mondays will generally be lectures and Wednesdays will combine lecture and discussion of the readings.

Course requirements include attending and actively participating in class meetings, reading assigned materials, and completing all class assignments.

Readings include an assigned book, Margaret Karns and Karen Mingst's *International Organizations*, as well as articles and other materials I've put on the course's Moodle site. The book is available for purchase at the bookstore and on two-hour reserve at library.

Also, I expect everyone to keep up with international news. The best mainstream outlets are BBC News, the *Economist*, *Financial Times*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, and NPR. You can get some articles from these outlets online via their websites, and free copies of the *Times* at the Coop. I will occasionally post topical news articles on Moodle, which you should read before the appropriate class.

Grades will be based on class participation, three essays, and a final exam. The breakdown:

Participation: 20%

Essays (x2): 50%

Final exam: 30%

Effective *participation* involves first and foremost coming to class ready to discuss the readings and lecture materials. Regular attendance is expected and repeated absences will hurt your grade. Students will lead discussion in groups twice during the semester, and submit answers to discussion leaders' questions every week.

There will be two *essays*, one short and one longer; details to come.

The *final exam* will be a quasi-cumulative test of your comprehension of the course material.

Additional logistics

Course information and documents—including the syllabus, some readings, lecture outlines, handouts, and assignments—will all be available on the class's Moodle site.

Getting into the class. The course is full. The only way to get in is to monitor course enrollments online and gain a spot vacated by a student who has dropped.

General policies:

- Be here on time. Turn off your phone.
- If you miss class for any reason, it is your responsibility to get the notes or assignments from a classmate.
- I don't give extensions on papers or other assignments.
- I have a zero-tolerance policy toward academic dishonesty.

NB: It's YOUR responsibility to properly observe course rules and meet course requirements. If something comes up that hinders your ability to do so, contact me right away. The earlier you deal with things, the kinder I'll be.

* reading available on Moodle

INTRODUCTION: CONCEPTS, THEORIES, DEBATES

Aug. 27: Introduction

Aug. 31 & Sept. 2: International institutions and global governance: what and why

- Karns & Mingst, chapter 1, pp. 43-45
- *Murphy, "The last two centuries of global governance"
- *Young, "Regime dynamics: the rise and fall of international regimes"
- *Ruggie, "Multilateralism: anatomy of an institution"
- *Chayes & Chayes, "On compliance"

Sept. 7 & 9: Theory and debates on the impact of international institutions

- *Mearsheimer, “The false promise of international institutions”
- *Olson, *The Logic of Collective Action*, selection
- *Keohane & Martin, “The promise of institutionalist theory”
- *Cooper, *The Breaking of Nations*, chapters 1 and 2
- *Barnett & Finnemore, “The power, politics, & pathologies of international organizations”
- Karns & Mingst, pp. 35-60, 64-65 (recommended)

Sept. 14 & 16: The legitimacy of international institutions

- Karns & Mingst, pp. 402-405, 547-553
- *Hirschman, *Exit, Voice, and Loyalty*, chapter 1
- *Barnett & Finnemore, *Rules for the World*, chapter 6 (esp. pp. 163-173)
- *Keohane, “Global governance and legitimacy”
- *Scholte, “Toward greater legitimacy in global governance”

ESSAY #1 DUE FRIDAY, SEPT. 18 AT 5PM (VIA EMAIL)

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY INSTITUTIONS

Sept. 21 & 23: The United Nations and the promise of postwar collective security

- Karns & Mingst, pp. 65-72, 95-103, 108-114, 118-120 (to “Dag”)
- *UN Charter: Preamble, Chapters 1-7
- *UN Security Council: tabs – “About,” “Members”; quick links – “Structure,” “Functions and powers”
- *Kupchan & Kupchan, “The promise of collective security”
- *Hurd, “The politics of legitimation in UN Security Council reform”

Sept. 28 & 30: Cold War (and beyond) security institutions—NATO and arms control

NATO (Monday)

- Karns & Mingst, pp. 155-159
- *Menon & Welsh, “Understanding NATO’s sustainability”

Arms control (Wednesday)

- Karns & Mingst, pp. 355-366
- *IAEA: “About IAEA” (“The ‘Atoms for Peace’ agency,” “History”), “Our work”
- *Dhanapala, “The 2015 review conference for the NPT”
- *Feinstein & Slaughter, “A duty to prevent”

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS

Oct. 5 & 7: Trade and foreign direct investment—the WTO and investment treaties

- Karns & Mingst, pp. 390-391, 413-420
- *Jackson, “The case of the World Trade Organization”
- *Aslund, “The world needs a multilateral investment agreement”

Oct. 12: FALL BREAK—NO CLASS

Oct. 14, 19, & 21: IMF, G20, and money and finance in the LIEO

Wed., Oct. 14: currencies and the international monetary system

- Karns & Mingst, pp. 398-402
- *Gilpin, "The international monetary system"
- *Bergsten, "The dollar and the deficits"

Mon., Oct. 19: regulating public finance

- Karns & Mingst, pp. 421-22
- *Fogarty & Park, "Attention: deficit disorder!"

Wed., Oct. 21: regulating private finance

- Karns & Mingst, pp. 441-445
- *Helleiner & Pagliari, "The end of an era in international financial regulation?"

Oct. 26 & 28: Development—the IFIs and WTO

- Karns & Mingst, pp. 392-398, 408-413
- *Williamson, "Did the Washington Consensus fail?"
- *Zoellick, "Why we still need the World Bank"
- *Gallagher, "Understanding developing country resistance to the Doha Round"

Nov. 2 & 4: The European Union and regionalism

- Karns & Mingst, chapter 5 (esp. pp. 145-153, 160-177, 185-208)
- *Mallaby, "Europe's optional catastrophe"
- *Hall, "Varieties of capitalism and the euro crisis"
- *Crum, "Saving the euro at the cost of democracy?"

TRANSNATIONAL ISSUES INSTITUTIONS

Nov. 9 & 11: International environmental institutions

- Karns & Mingst, pp. 511-524, 532-533
- *UNFCCC site: "Essential background," "Kyoto Protocol."
- *Najam, "The case against a new international environmental organization"
- *Victor et al., "The climate threat we can beat"

Nov. 16 & 18: Human rights, humanitarian intervention, and international courts

Monday

- Karns & Mingst, pp. 450-463
- *Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- *Sikkink, "Human rights, principled issue-networks, and sovereignty in Latin America"

Wednesday

- Karns & Mingst, pp. 289-297, 323-354 (skim), 473-494
- *Western & Goldstein, "Humanitarian intervention comes of age"
- *Valentino, "The true costs of humanitarian intervention"
- *Nouwen & Werner, "Doing justice to the political"

ESSAY #2 DUE FRIDAY, NOV. 20 (VIA EMAIL)

Nov. 23 & 25: THANKSGIVING BREAK—NO CLASS

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY CHALLENGES FOR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Nov. 30 & Dec. 2: The globalization challenge to international institutions

- *Ruggie, “Reconstituting the global public domain”
- *Avant et al., “Who governs the globe?”
- *Ansell et al., “The promise and challenge of global network governance”

Dec. 7 & 9: Can international institutions cope with a changing distribution of power?

- *Ikenberry, “The future of the liberal world order”
- *Castañeda, “Not ready for prime time”
- *Bremmer & Roubini, “A G-zero world”
- *Drezner, “The irony of global economic governance: the system worked”

FINAL EXAM: Tuesday, December 15, 3-5pm